In the specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 15 with the following:

Each tier is characterized by a beginning threshold value illustrated in FIG. 1 by dashed vertical lines 8(a) – 8(n), and a tier duration illustrated by dashed horizontal line segments 9(a) – 9(n), which comprises the distance along the X-axis the tier extends. Each tier also has an endpoint that is equal to the beginning threshold plus the duration. By way of example, ~~tier 3~~ tier 2 has a beginning threshold value 8(b) of 10 min., a ~~duration 9(c)~~ duration 9(b) of 10 min., and an endpoint at 20 min. Preferably the first tier has a beginning threshold value 8(a) (coincident with the Y-axis) of 0 min, and a final tier(n) extends to infinite usage. With these preferred bounds, this embodiment of the pricing method and computer program product of the invention can be used to fit any potential on-line session.